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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 1st-August, through Sunday, 8th-August there were 200 countries active. Countries available: 3B8, 3D2, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J5, J6, J8, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TT, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V8, VE, VK, VP5, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3B8/3B9, MAURITIUS AND RODRIGUEZ ISLAND

Giorgio, IZ4AKS, will be active as 3B9/IZ4AKS from **Rodrigues Island (AF-017)** between August 28th and September 4th. Activity will be limited to his free time as this is a holiday style operation and not a dedicated DXpedition. Look for activity on 10-40 meters, mainly

SSB, but possibly RTTY and CW. He will use a FT-897D with 100 watts into a vertical antenna placed near the ocean. Prior to and after his Rodrigues activity, look for Giorgio to possibly be active as 3B8/IZ4AKS from **Mauritius (AF-049)**. QSL only direct with SAE and 2 USDs (NO IRC, NO BUREAU QSLs).

APDXC 2010

The 3rd Asia Pacific DX Convention (APDXC) will be held at Osaka International House in Osaka, Japan, between November 5-7th, 2010. There will be presentations (conducted in English!) on some of the recent DXpeditions, technical sessions, DX dinners banquet, as well as the usual convention stuff. Also, there will be an opportunity to join a tour to visit the Icom factory, and participate in a technical session led by the Icom HF radio design team, and more. Program details and updates will be announced on the following Web site at:

http://www.apdxc.org

AT10, ANTARCTICA

QSL Manager Gianni, I1HYW, informs OPDX that the first batch of QSL direct for AT10BP received at his home address have been mailed on August 5th. The remaining requests will be sent out within a week. All the envelopes that are received now will be answered on a daily basis. The requests that were sent to India, will not be answered before December 2010, once Bhagwati returns back home. In the meantime AT10BP from Maitri Base Antarctica will continue to be active regularly on 20m (14300 kHz +/- QRM), 15m (21300 kHz +/- QRM) and 40m (7150 kHz +/-QRM) SSB only. If you would like to have a sked with AT10BP, you can E-mail Bhagwati directly at: **bplovemaitri@rediffmail.com**
For more info, visit the Worldwide Antarctic Program (WAP) Web page at:

http://www.waponline.it

CR6, PORTUGAL (WFF Op)

Operators Jose/CT1CJJ and Filipe/CT1ILT will be active as CR6K/P from SW Alentejano e Costa Vicentina Natural Park (WFF CTFF-12 and DPRN CTFF-12) between now and August 14th. Activity will be holiday style on 80/40/30/20/17/15/10 meters using CW and SSB. They will be using only a vertical (with lots of radials) and 100 watts. The duo was expected to activate Pessegueiro Island (EU-167) on August 7th. QSL via either CT1CJJ or CT1ILT. For more details, visit:

http://www.rep.pt/ct1ilt/swalentejano2010.html

DAYTON 2011 HAMVENTION NEWS

SWODXA DINNER BANQUET. Don DuBon, N6JRL, President of SWODXA, announced on August 2nd: "Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) is happy to announce plans for the 26th annual DX Dinner™ . This dinner, which is held in conjunction with Dayton Hamvention®, will be held on Friday, May 20, 2011.

Because we realize many attendees make their plans well in advance, we want to let you know that our location for the dinner has changed. It will be at the Dayton Marriott located at 1414 S. Patterson Blvd., Dayton, OH 45409.

We are excited about our new venue. While it is less than five minutes from our previous location, it has a much larger capacity, has been recently renovated, and we will have a new menu selection. Other advantages are that there are no steps as the dinner will be held on the ground floor, and there is ample, free, on-site parking. In our planning meetings, the staff has been very receptive and is anxious to meet the needs of our attendees and graciously welcomes SWODXA.

The Marriott is a large hotel with many room choices. Should you need accommodations, their phone number is 937 223-1000 or the website is: **http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dayoh-dayton-marriott**. When tickets become available, more information regarding the dinner will be posted on our website at **www.SWODXA.org**. We look forward to seeing everyone at the DX Dinner™ at the Marriott and at Hamvention®. Good Dxing!"

* Tim, K3LR, Dayton Contest Dinner Chairman, reports: The 19th annual Saturday night Contest Dinner, Contest University and the Contest Super Suites are confirmed at the Crowne Plaza for 2011. There are no plans to change locations for 2011. Please watch the Dayton contesting Web sites for details."
http://contestsupersuite.com
http://contestuniversity.com
http://contestdinner.com

DX0, SPRATLY ISLANDS (Update)

Press Release dated August 6th (edited):

> "Only 150 days to go before the scheduled QRV of the multi-operator DXpedition on Thitu Island in the Spratlys January 6-24th, 2011, and more substantial progress has been achieved.
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> The Philippines National Telecommunications Commission has issued the DX0DX licence and DXpedition Team Leader Chris Dimitrijevic/VK3FY and DU8/VK3FY confirms that the required documentation is filed with the DXCC Advisory Committee. Formal DXCC accreditation is expected soon after proof is electronically submitted that operators have reached the island and DX0DX is on air. It was earlier announced that Bob Schenck, N2OO, has been appointed the QSL manager.
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> Among the current and growing list of corporate sponsors are ICOM America which is providing ten top-line IC7600 transceivers & a IC-9100 Transceiver, Amplifiers from Acom International, OM Power and THAMWAY Corp. Antennas from SteppIR, Spiderbeam and Mosley- Electronics. Bandpass Filters from WX0B Array Solutions, Masts from Rohn Products. Ham Radio Outlet, Head-sets from Heil Sound, Feeders The RF Connection.
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> Decisions are now being finalized on the roles needed for the DXpedition. The logistical co-ordination of equipment from sponsors is being headed by Charles W6KK where we are basing our shipments.
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> The massive logistics exercise to get the equipment, supplies and operators shipped

to Thitu Island has received confirmation that the boat to be used is undergoing its annual dry-dock maintenance and certification. Other expertise within the team is being used to plan rostering, logging and the many different tasks required to make it a success.

The team's medical doctors are ready to assist should anyone become unwell, and to also outreach to the island's residents as part of the DXpedition's humanitarian, health and welfare contribution.

It has also been learnt that some of the 30 operators lined up for the DXpedition are using it as a personal incentive to lose some body weight as they prepare for their stay on the island.

This will be especially helpful for those wishing to frequently walk between four dedicated operating camps for SSB, CW, RTTY and 2m & 6m operation. Not to mention trips to the mess tent for meals.

Online surveying of DXers finds that the demand for The Spratlys on 160m to 10m is fairly equal with each band falling in the 9% - 11% range after 2,670 votes received.

The preferred mode survey results to date are SSB (36%), CW (35%) and RTTY (27%) with 785 votes cast.

The DX0DX Team acknowledges the financial support already received from individual radio amateurs Brad/WA6JJB, Paul/N6PSE, Marc/DO4DXA, Maurice/N4LZ, Vic/W4VIC, Ken/N5TY, Allan/VK2CA, Paul/VK2HV, Scotty/KG9Z, Clay/K7HC, Mitch/DJ0QN, Neill/K4ESE, Doyl/AB4IQ, William/K3WA and Billy/W3EL.

Support has also been given by the IARU Region 3 member society Philippine Amateur Radio Association (PARA), DXWORLD, The Daily Dx and ClubLog."

E2/HS, THAILAND (News)

* Through the efforts of Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST), John/HS1CHB and Charly/HS0ZCW, The Thailand radio authority has approved, effective today (August 8th) for all HF bands and all modes the new callsign of E2E. This is a real and legitimate call, sought because it is so short (and to bring glory to the Kingdom of Thailand, and fun for its operators). QSL via HS0AC.

* Charles Harpole, HS0ZCW/K4VUD, reports: "You can help Thailand authorities understand the need to authorize full use of the 6 meter band for Thailand hams (HS and E2). Please send an E-mail via the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST), typical below, supporting this authorization, to the RAST coordinator of this effort: 'John', HS1CHB, whose E-mail address is his USA callsign at: **n9wms@hotmail.com**

Example -
To Whom It May Concern:
I support the allocation of full time use of the amateur ham radio band of 50 to 54 MHz for all

Thailand licensed operators. I have, for many years, sought a contact with Thailand hams on this band. There are international awards for such two-way exchanges, but, to date, it has not been possible. The 50 to 54 MHz band also is important to ham radio contests where world-wide efforts to contact Thailand are in demand. This 6 meter band permission for Thailand can bring Thailand into agreement with almost all of the other global countries' rules, and it complies with international band-plans.

Further, the allocation of the 6 meter band to Thailand hams opens a good band for emergency communication uses and relieves congestion on other bands.

Thank you for your consideration.

FULL NAME AND ADDRESS (be sure to add your country name)

NOTES: Please be sure to be super polite, do not say that past practice is bad, and include the '50 to 54' MHz phrase. Please use your own words where ever possible to avoid canned messages, but a can message is better than no message.

Your help will make a difference because Thailand never wants to be first to do something like this, but never wants to be left out or be behind. Thanks and 73,..... Charles Harpole, HS0ZCW"

ET, ETHIOPIA (Press Release from Chris, GD6TWF)

"The following appeal was made on: **http://dx-world.net/2010/assistance-required/**

Hi! I am Abel (ex-9E2ABL). What I want to ask about is that I have passed the RSGB exam and am now properly licensed.. but when I apply for the license here I am required to have a radio & I may pay for the custom duty here but for the radio that I cannot afford ... so if there is a way like an organization to support or anything...that I can get a radio it will be so helpful. I hope I will get a positive response.
Thank you, 73 Abel

Following this appeal Sid May, ET3SID, a British National Resident in Ethiopia for decades contacted **www.dx-world.net** to say he had coached four young Ethiopians all members of the Ethiopian Amateur Radio Society ("EARS") though the examination including Abel and stated that all four were in the same position they had the qualification to get a license but could not afford the cost of buying, shipping and importing equipment.

As a result of this request several amateurs made offer of help and it was decided to form a simple appeal to raise funds and accept donations of equipment so that these four young amateurs could get on the air.

The appeal is called Amateur Radio In Ethiopia ("ARIE") and a webpage has been launched at **http://tinyurl.com/ETproject** which gives all the information and details on how to donate.

We have already had offers of equipment and cash donations from UK, Germany, New Zealand, UK, USA and Isle of Man.

The appeal has been designed so anyone can donate according to means. That old rig gathering

dust on the shelf would change someone's life. A small donation would allow us to buy PL259's or a few metres of coax. A big donation would allow us to ship a donated rig out.

We welcome donations from individuals, clubs, societies, associations, dx-groups any where in the world. If your business is interested in being involved please contact us to see how we can work together.

We passionately believe that this organization will have a life long impact on the recipients, help people enjoy their hobby who, without your help, would not be able to do so. Contributed towards equipping Ethiopian hams who will be making contacts and giving many other hams a new DXCC country while at the same time developing their own valuable technical skills and career prospects. For any questions please look at our Website **http://tinyurl.com/ETproject** or contact Chris Wood at: **gd6twf@iom.com** "

EX, KYRGYZSTAN (WFF Op)

Operators Mike/UN8GC and Oleg/EX8MLT will be active as EX9FF from Issyk Kul Lake (EXFF-002, Locator: MN82) between now and August 14th. QSL only via direct to UN8GC or by the LoTW. For more info, go to:

http://un-dx.ucoz.com/index/un_news/0-5

FK/C, CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS

Michel, FK8IK, will be on the Chesterfields Islands as part of a scientific expedition between August 9-19th. Look for him to be active during his spare time as FK8IK/C on 80-10 meters using CW with 100 watts into various dipoles. QSL via his home address: P.O. Box 14639, 98803 Noumea, NEW CALEDONIA.

INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE-LIGHTSHIP WEEKEND 2010 (0001z, August 21st, through 2359z, August 22nd) NEWS

Operators Hector/CE3FZL, Ricardo/CE3HDI, Hugo/CE3BBC, Cristian/CE3PCN, and Esteban/XQ7UP will operate as XR2A from Punta Angeles Lighthouse (ARLHS CHI-001) in the Valparaiso harbor, Chile, during the ILLW. Activity will be on all bands as posible using CW and SSB. QSL information is available at:

http://www.qrz.com/db/xr2a

IOTA NEWS

AF-091/ (Update) An Italian team of operators will activate the Tunisian **AF-092. Islands of Plane (AF-091) and Kuriat (AF-092)** as TS7TI between September 13-23rd. Operators mentioned are: Alfredo/IK7JWX, Leopoldo/I8LWL, Simon/IZ7ATN, IK7UXW, Ampelio/IS0AGY and Ivo/9A3A (CW op). Activity will be on all bands HF, WHF, VHF and 6m, using CW, SSB, PSK31 and RTTY. During their activity they will also activate some wanted WFF/VFF reference numbers and the most wanted grid square JM57. They are currently seeking sponsors/supporters for this DXpedition.

AS-089. Operators Andrey/R9XC and Ilya/UA9XLC are now active from **Litke Island** as R9XC/9 until August 11th. Activity is on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via the home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-042. Andy, DL7AT, will be active as DL7AT/P from **Sylt Island** between now and August 15th. QSL via his home callsign.

EU-126. Mario, DL5ME, will once again be active as OH9AA/p from **Syvaletto Island** in the Lappi Province Group between August 1822nd. QSL details can be found on **(QRZ.com)**. **ADDED NOTE:** OH9AA/p was active last year for only eight hours.

EU-129. Tommy, DL8KX, will be active as DL8KX/p from **Usedom Island** (GIA/DID O-013, WLOTA L-1640) between sometime now and August 14th. Look for activity to be on or near the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct. Also see EU-132.

EU-132. Tommy, DL8KX, will be active as SP1/DL8KX from **Wolin Island** (SPIA SZ-002, WLOTA LH-4120) between sometime now and August 14th. Look for activity to be on or near the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct. Also see EU-129.

EU-136. Leonardo, IW0QO, will once again be active as 9A/IW0QO from **Losinj Island** (CIA-25, ACIA IC-116, IOCA CI-058, MIA MC-204) between now and August 18th. Activity will be holiday style on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct to: c/o Sezione A.R.I. di Perugia, P.O. Box 113, 06100 Perugia - PG, Italy.

J48, GREECE (Also LZ)

Laci, HA0HW, will once again be active as J48HW from **Thassos Island (IOTA: EU-174**, GIOTA: NAS-037, MIA: MG-124, WLOTA: LH-4186, QRA: KN20HS) between August 28th and September 7th. He usually operates mainly CW, with some SSB, RTTY and PSK31 as well, on the HF bands (mainly on 40/30/20/17 meters) and on 6 meters. His rigs are a FT-840 with a MOS-FET amplifier and an IC-706 (for 6m only). Antennas are a monoband Gps and dipoles on fishing poles. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the HA Bureau. Laci informs OPDX that he will spend one day in Bulgaria (LA), and will operate from the LZ9W super contest station as LZ/HA0HW.

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (For August 9-15th)

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Aug   9    AN-HN        SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS
Aug  10    HN-AN           --------------------
Aug  11    AN           BN - Below Normal
Aug  12    AN           AN - Above Normal/Geomagnetic Level is QUIET
Aug  13    AN           LN - Low Normal
Aug  14    AN           HN - High Normal/Geomagnetic Level is UNSETTLED
Aug  15    AN           DIS  - Disturbed
                        VDIS - Very Disturbed


  GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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  QUIET - The "A" index is expected to be between
          0-7 and the "K" index will be 2 or less
  UNSETTLED - The "A" index is expected to be between
          7-16 and "K" index will be 3 or less
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LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY

If you worked Hector, XEBEF, this past weekend (August 6-8th), he was active from Faro Punta de Campos Lighthouse (MEX-052 ARLHS, DK79ua). He was expected to be on 160-10 meters and 6 meters, using SSB, CW, RTTY and JT65A, with no amplifier. QSL is OK via direct, by the Bureau and e-QSL.

P4, ARUBA (SA-036)

John, W2GD, will be active as P40W between November 22nd and December 1st. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-Band. Operations outside of the contest will be on 160m and 30/17/12 meters as time permits. QSL via LoTW or direct to N2MM. Logs will be loaded on LoTW upon his return to the USA.

PJ4, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

Operators John/K4BAI, Jeff/KU8E and Jim/K9YC will be active as PJ4/homecall from Bonaire (IOTA SA-006, WLOTA L1279) between November 23-30th. Also look for them to be active as PJ4A during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 27-28th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL PJ4A via K4BAI. E-mail requests for Bureau cards will be accepted.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (dated July 25th)

3Z600BG via SP7PAC	AO5GL via EA5GL	IR3Z via IN3XUG
4O1OTA via IK2ILH	AO8DA via EA8DA	IS0/IK2SVI via IK2SVI
4O/HA3NU via HA3NU	CO6HLP via EA7FTR	JW/OZ1IKY via OZ1IKY
5B/G4MKP via M0URX	CR5CQK via CT1CQK	JW/OZ7AM via OZ7AM
5B/W2TAA via RW3RN	CR5FE via CS5NRA	K4C via KP4ES
5V7DX via I1FQH	CR6K/P via CT1ILT	KP4JRS via EA7FTR
6L0NJ/4 via HL4XM	CR6M via PT7ZT	LA/DG5CST via DG5CST
6V7W via EA5KA	E77AA via 9A2AA	LA/DL3BRE via DL3BRE
9A/AC6DD via AC6DD	EA6/DL2DXA via DL2DXA	LX/DF1LON via DF1LON
9A/HA5TAA via 9A3JB	ED8T via EA8AY	LY1410G via LY3X
9A/HA6NL via HA6NL	EG7SWC via EA7URD	LY600BY via LY3BY
9A/OM8AA via OM8AA	EI/DG5SDQ via DG5SDQ	MC0SHL via M0URX
9A/S57VG via S57VG	EM0LH via US4LGW	MM/OK1HDU via OK1HDU
9A500AA via 9A2AA	F/DL4KCA via DL4KCA	MW0REN via DJ6OI
9H3Y via IT9ABY	F/PH0AS via PH0AS	OH1K via OH1JO
9J2KK via JK1NSR	FM/F2VX via F2VX	OZ0EPC/A via OZ2OSR
AN5BZR via EC5BZR	HA/DL5WW/P via DL5WW	OZ/PA3GWN via PA3GWN
AN5CFM via EC5CFM	HB9SOLAR via HB9ACA	P4/PG4DX via PG4DX
AN5KB via EA5KB	HF100H via M0AXH	PI65AAG via PA3BNT
AO1GIB/P via EA1GIB	HF600BG via SP7PTK	R2DA via RL3DZ
AO2NN via EA2NN	HK1T via EA5KB	R25EMW via RA9XA
AO3JL via EA3JL	HQ1L via K2LCT	RM5A via UA3DX
AO4RCC via EA4RCC	ID9/IT9OJW via IT9OJW	RZ6AZZ/1 via R7AA
AO5DWS via EA5DWS	IG9/IK2PZC via IK2PZC	S79BWW via CT1BWW

SE6E via SM6FUD	SV2FPU/8 via SV2FPU
SM7/ON4DN/P via ON4DN	SV5/DD0VD via DD0VD
SN0HS via SP5KP	SV7LOS/8 via SV7LOS
SN0RKG via SP6OPZ	SV8/DL2DQL via DL2DQL
SN0LOT via SP1KZO	SV8/OK6DJ via OK1DRQ

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SN70RAF via SQ3MKW          SX8R via HA0NAR
SO1EKO via DL1EKO           TK/DL1RTL via DL1RTL
SP1/DL7DF via DL7DF         TK/DL2RMC via DL2RMC
SP2010CY via SP5BMU         TM30KTN via F6KTN
SP600BG via SP7PGK          TM4PT via F4DTO
SQ600BG via SP7YLD          UN7EX/7 via RX3RC
SV0XAO via DJ5JH            UP25F via IK2QPR
SV2CLJ/8 via SV2CLJ
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OH8CA: (also RV3ACA), Elena Boychenko, Box 13, Moscow, 127521, Russia
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QSLING CYPRUS STATIONS. Alan, 5B4AHJ, CARS QSL Bureau Manager, reports: "The QSL Bureau of the Cyprus Amateur Radio Society (CARS) is receiving large numbers of QSLs that cannot be delivered to the intended recipient, because that station has a QSL manager outside Cyprus. The problem is threefold:

a) Those generating the QSLs are not bothering to check to see if the station has a manager.

b) Even if a manager's call is written on the QSL, many QSL Bureaus are still sending the QSL to Cyprus.

c) QSLs for calls 5B/DXcall are being sent to Cyprus when either they should be sent to the manager, or in the absence of a manager, they should be sent to the bureau for the home call.

I have produced a list of stations with foreign managers at:

http://www.shacklog.co.uk/5BForeignManagers.htm

Please pass this information far and wide, including to your local QSL Bureau."

NEW QSL MANAGER. Vladislav, RN4LP, informs OPDX that he is now the QSL Manager for EK6LP. He states that QSOs will be uploaded to the LoTW "ONLY AFTER":

- your E-mail requests
- responding to your paper QSL sent direct

He states, "Contest QSOs will be uploaded 6 months later and there are ONLY direct QSLs (w/2 USDs or 1 new IRC). Sorry, NO BUREAU or NO eQSL. Don't waste your time and money!" His address is: Lakeev Vladislav, P.O.Box 208, Dimitrovgrad, 433512, Russia His E-mail address is: **rn4lp71@gmail.com**

QSLS VIA LoTW: A61BK, CQ0ODX/P, DF5HOA, FY5PO, JE2EHP, MD0CCE, MI0M, MW0UTD/P, RL3BM, SV1BDO/3, UA3KW, UT5URW, UT7UJ, V31CB, YI9PSE, ZL1ALZ and ZP4KFX

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4X1FC, 8R1RPN, 9H1AL, 9J2FM, AT10BP, BY8DX, C36PP, CQ7OA, E4X, KH2/N2NL, LZ2KV, T32CI, T32SI, UK8UWG, V63AKA, V63TR, V85SS, VY0V, ZC4VJ, ZS10WCS and ZW8B

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: None Reported This Week!

SILENT KEYS

* Jurij, MM0DFV, informs OPDX that his trainee **Artyom Silkin, RZ3DAJ**, (only 25 years old) became a Silent Key due to a road accident on July 29th, 2010.

* **Nuccio, I0YKN,** reportedly became a Silent Key (SK) due to a heart attack this past week.

OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the above Silent Keys.

T8, PALAU

Operators Takio/JH3QFL and Haruki/JH3KEA will be active as T88TB and T88KH, respectively, from the Island of Palau (OC-009) between September 19-22nd. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL direct to their home callsign or by the Bureau.

TC, TURKEY (New Awards Available)

During August, September and October, the Turkish group called TCSWAT (TC Special Wireless Activity Team), in collaboration with Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University, is organizing a special "World Universities Congress 2010 Award" for contacts with the following special callsigns:

TC2010WUC - (HQ) Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University
TC1WUC - Istanbul European Side University
TC2WUC - Istanbul Asian Side University
TC3WUC - Izmir Dokuz Eylul University
TC6WUC - Giresun University
TC9WUC - Kars Kafkas University

To be eligible for the Gold, Silver, Bronze awards, there must be at least one QSO with the Onsekiz Mart University TC2010WUC HQ station and at least:

GOLDEN AWARD - In different modes and/or bands, total of ten contacts with the other five stations.
SILVER AWARD - In different modes and/or bands, total of seven contacts with the other five stations.
BRONZE AWARD - In different modes and/or bands, total of five contacts with the other five stations.

Same rules apply to SWLs. To apply for the award, please contact "Tevfik Aydin KAZANCIOGLU, PK 73 Karakoy, 34421 ISTANBUL, TURKEY", before December 31st, enclosing your log extract together with 5 new IRCs or 5 Euros.

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLANDS (News)

Larry, N0QM/VQ9LA, on **Diego Garcia (AF-006)** informs OPDX: "The VQ9X club station lost the HYGAIN 14 ELEMENT HF LOG PERIODIC ANTENNA early July 2010 due to a Boom to Mast Clamp failure, the antenna is now on the ground and will be repaired in the future.

When the antenna fell off the mast it took out the 40M dipole, Wire V-Beam, and 2 meter repeater antenna.

The V-beam was repaired on 30th July 2010 by VQ9LA and VQ9JC, now the VQ9X club is on the air with the 270 foot per leg ladder line V-Beam.

The 160m antenna will be off the air until the Log Periodic is put back up on the tower. This fine antenna has provided many contacts with the world wide DX community for the past 11 years and will be missed.

I returned back to Diego Garcia on 26 July 2010 after being off the Island for a few months.... 73, Larry VQ9LA"

WC5, UNITED STATES (USI Op)

Members of the Tri-County Amateur Radio Club (WC5C) will once again activate Pelican Island (TX050L) on August 14th, starting at 1400z. Pelican Island is an uninhabitated island on Eagle Mountain Lake in North Central Texas. The club members make an adventure of it, getting to the Island by kayak, canoe and various other water craft. Activity will be typically 40/20/15/10 meters. However, the WC5C team will attempt to honor sked requests for other bands. Modes are usually CW and SSB, others by request...sometimes Satellite FM, PSK31, etc.... QSL info is available on **(QRZ.com)**.

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA AND GOUGH ISLANDS

John, ZS1LF, will be active as ZD9GI from **Gough Island (AF-039)** between September 2010 and September 2011. This is John's second tour to Gough Island, and he will be the new radio technician and team leader on the island. The team consists of a medic, diesel mechanic, radio technician, three weather observers and two research assistants. He will be departing from Cape Town, South Africa, on the polar supply ship "SA Agulhas" (the same ship Pierre, ZS1HF/ZS8M used). Activity will be on 160-10 meters mainly using SSB, but possibly some Digital modes later. Operating will mostly be done after his official working hours and weekends. His equipment will be a TS-480 and dipoles (No Yagis due to bird life). QSL Manager is ZS1A **(j-s@iafrica.com)**.

QSL direct to: Johan Sevenster, 2 Roozeboom STR - de Bron, Bellville, 7530, South Africa. Also by the Bureau. More details are available on QRZ.com. PLEASE NOTE: John states, "If you require Gough Island, please feel free to contact me at **zd9gi@yahoo.co.uk** and I will try to assist you. If you do not get an answer immediately, it means I am out of the office and busy elsewhere on the island. I will return all E-mails when I return. If you would like to receive pictures and stories, please E-mail me."

ZS8, MARION ISLAND

Pierre, ZS1HF/ZS8M, informs OPDX that Max, IZ8EPY, has kindly created the following Web site at:

http://www.iz8epy.it/html/zs8m.html

The Web contains pictures that Pierre has taken on the island and also an online logbook. There are also newsletters that Pierre has written (in PDF format) from Marion Island.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Pierre, ZS8M, will be off the air starting at 1500z, August 8th, until 0500z, August 19th, while the supply ship is being unloaded. All hands are required to help sort out the unloading, etc.

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